

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-69 (canceled)

Claim 70 (currently amended) A method to play a wagering game, the method comprising:

- performing the following operations on an electronic gaming machine:

- receiving a wager from a player;

- dealing a first initial hand of 5 cards face up;

- selecting, by a player, first hand hold card(s) from the first initial hand;

- forming a second initial hand using the first hand hold card(s), the second initial hand being in a different row than the first initial hand;

- forming a third initial hand using the first hand hold card(s), the third initial hand being in a different row than the second initial hand;

- replacing all card(s) in the first initial hand which are not first hand hold card(s) with newly dealt face up card(s) to form a first intermediate hand, the first intermediate hand being in a same row as the first initial hand, the first intermediate hand not triggering a payout;

- dealing new card(s) face up in the second initial hand to form a second intermediate hand with 5 cards, the second intermediate hand being in a same row as the second initial hand, the second intermediate hand not triggering a payout;

- dealing new card(s) face up in the third initial hand to form a third intermediate hand with 5 cards, the third intermediate hand being in a same row as the third initial hand, the third intermediate hand not triggering a payout;

- selecting, by the player without receiving an additional wager, first intermediate hand hold card(s) from the first intermediate hand and replacing all card(s) in the first intermediate hand which are not first intermediate hand hold card(s) with newly dealt face up card(s) to form a first final hand;

selecting, by the player without receiving an additional wager, second intermediate hand hold card(s) from the second intermediate hand and replacing all card(s) in the second intermediate hand which are not second intermediate hand hold card(s) with newly dealt face up card(s) to form a second final hand;

selecting, by the player without receiving an additional wager, third intermediate hand hold card(s) from the third intermediate hand and replacing all card(s) in the third intermediate hand which are not third intermediate hand hold card(s) with newly dealt face up card(s) to form a third final hand; and

evaluating the first final hand, the second final hand, and the third final hand, and paying any awards earned based on the evaluating.

Claim 71 (currently amended) A method to play a wagering game, the method comprising:

performing the following operations on an electronic gaming machine:

receiving a wager from a player;

dealing a first initial hand of 5 cards face up;

selecting, by a player, first hand hold card(s) from the first initial hand;

forming a second initial hand using the first hand hold card(s), the second initial hand being in a different row than the first initial hand;

forming a third initial hand using the first hand hold card(s), the third initial hand being in a different row than the second initial hand;

replacing all card(s) in the first initial hand which are not first hand hold card(s) with newly dealt face up card(s) to form a first intermediate hand, the first intermediate hand being in a same row as the first initial hand, the first intermediate hand not triggering a payout;

dealing new card(s) face up in the second initial hand to form a second intermediate hand with 5 cards, the second intermediate hand being in a same row as the second initial hand, the second intermediate hand not triggering a payout;

dealing new card(s) face up in the third initial hand to form a third intermediate hand with 5 cards, the third intermediate hand being in a same row as the third initial hand, the third intermediate hand not triggering a payout;

selecting, by the player without receiving an additional wager, first intermediate hand hold card(s) from the first intermediate hand and generating multiple first final hands, each first final hand formed using the first intermediate hand hold card(s) and newly dealt face up card(s), each of the multiple first final hands being dealt in a separate row;

selecting, by the player without receiving an additional wager, second intermediate hand hold card(s) from the second intermediate hand and generating multiple second final hands, each second final hand formed using the second intermediate hand hold card(s) and newly dealt face up card(s), each of the multiple second final hands being dealt in a separate row;

selecting, by the player without receiving an additional wager, third intermediate hand hold card(s) from the third intermediate hand and generating multiple third final hands, each third final hand formed using the third intermediate hand hold card(s) and newly dealt face up card(s), each of the multiple third final hands being dealt in a separate row;

evaluating ranks of the multiple first final hands and paying any respective awards to the player.